

## MSP VISITOR DRESS CODE & VISITING RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **Dress Code** *(these dress codes apply equally to females and males over five years old)*

Visitors should dress and maintain their personal hygiene in a manner that is not distracting, disturbing, or offensive to other visitors, inmates, and/or staff. The Visiting and/or Lobby Officer will make decisions in this matter. If the visitor disputes the decision of the Visiting or Lobby Officer, it will be referred to the Shift Commander. If the Shift Commander determines an individual's clothing or hygiene isn't appropriate, the visitor will be asked to leave. The visitor will not be allowed to cover or mask the problem in question and proceed with the visit. He or she must leave. Because MSP is an adult male facility, female visitors are required to dress in a conservative subdued manner so as not to offend other visitors, staff, or the inmates.

Visitors wearing the following items/types of clothing will not be allowed into the facility:

1. Spandex, form fitting, or excessively baggy tops/shirts or bottoms/pants (normally identified with gang dress).
2. Shorts, beach-type shorts, or cut-offs.
3. Transparent tops, skirts, or pants.
4. Clothing without the proper undergarments (bra, slip, and underwear). Female visitors must wear a bra at all times (sport, regular or strapless). Bras with metal under wires will not clear metal detection devices, and will necessitate an intrusive clothed body search to verify the source of the metal causing the alert.
5. Sleeveless tops. Tops, shirts or blouses, must be worn with a bra, and 'tank' type tops are not allowed as an outer garment.
6. Dresses or skirts:
  - a) Without a slip underneath.
  - b) Without a hem lower than the knee.
  - c) With slits extending above the knee.
  - d) With button-up or snap-up front, back, or wrap around (these dresses may be worn only if sewn shut).
7. Dress that, taken as a whole, resembles inmate-issued clothing (dark blue, tan, orange scrub type pants or tops).
8. Any clothing that, taken as a whole, resembles staff uniforms (grey tops/bottoms, medical scrub clothing).
9. Camouflage clothing.
10. Beach type flip-flops slippers and steel-toed boots or shoes. Open toed shoes are allowed.
11. Clothing items with designs that are profane or derogatory.
12. Clothing with designs that promote illegal drugs, alcohol, or sexual behavior.
13. Sunglasses (unless they are prescription).

Visitors are cautioned to refrain from wearing metal items underneath their clothing, as any metal item will not clear the metal detection devices, and will necessitate an intrusive clothed body search to verify the source of the metal causing the alert.

Visitors must hang their coats, vests, hats, scarves on the coat hangers in the visiting room foyers, and are not allowed to remove clothing items they wear into a visiting room.

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## **Visiting Room Rules and Regulations**

*Any violation of these rules may result in the visit being terminated and possible visiting suspensions or revocation.*

### Physical contact:

- A brief (approximately 5 seconds) closed mouth facial kiss and an appropriate embrace at the beginning and end of the visit is allowed. Petting or fondling during this kiss/embrace is not allowed. Kissing, embracing, or hugging isn't allowed in the middle of your visit.
- Handholding in full view of the visiting officers is allowed. Massaging, caressing, or rubbing in any form is not allowed. Visitors and inmates are not allowed to interlock their legs or recline their knees against the other person.
- Children 8 yrs. old and younger are allowed to sit only on the lap of the inmate, visiting parent or guardian. Others in the room are not allowed to sit on each other's laps. Exceptions are allowed for photograph poses.

### Visitors and inmates are not allowed to:

- Seat themselves where the Visiting Officers don't have full view of all parties. Visiting Officers will change seating arrangements to address any concerns.
- Move/re-arrange the chairs and tables in the visiting rooms. The chairs must be kept squared-up to the tables at all times, and not moved to the corners, placed side by side, or turned to face sideways or backward.
- Lean over the tables.
- Interact with those not in their party and/or the inmate they were approved to visit. The same applies to the inmates. They are not allowed to interact with other inmates in the visiting rooms or individuals that were not approved to visit with them. Brief polite and respectful verbal social greetings and acknowledgements are allowed.
- Put their feet on the tables - for any reason.
- Remove their shoes and/or socks. This includes children.
- Remove toys from the designated toy area. Inmates are not allowed in the designated toy area (on the carpet).
- Shake or move a vending machine.
- Take an item purchased from a vending machine out of the Visiting Room.
- Enter areas other than those specifically designated as visiting areas. Restricted areas are marked by painted floor markings / lines.
- Allow children to use restrooms without supervision by the approved visitor they are with
- Exchange any items with anyone.
- Leave the visiting room unless terminating the visit.

### Supervision of Children

It is the responsibility of the inmate and his visitor to supervise and control their children while on prison property (this also applies to the lobby and parking lot areas prior to and after visiting). If the inmate and his visitor neglect this responsibility after being warned, the visit will be terminated.

### Vending machines

Vending machines are available for purchase of snacks or soft drinks. Only visitors may handle money for the vending machines. Report any problems encountered in using the machines to visiting staff.

### Restroom Facilities

Visitors and inmates must notify the Visiting Room Officers when they need to use the restrooms.

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